

National Puerto Rican Day Parade, Inc.

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HIGH SCHOOL & COLLEGE APPLICATION

National Puerto Rican Day Parade 2017 Scholarship Opportunity

The National Puerto Rican Day Parade was established to create national awareness of Puerto Rican contributions. NPRDP's mission is to empower the Puerto Rican community through promoting culture, education, scholarships, and civic engagement. To this end, a Scholarship Awards Program was established. This year, NPRDP will award one hundred (100) \$2,000 scholarships to exceptional Puerto Rican High School Seniors and full time two/four years accredited Puerto Rican College students who are making a difference in their community.

ELIGIBILITY

- Applicant must be of Puerto Rican descent
- Applicant shall demonstrate Grade Point Average (G.P.A.) of 3.0 or the equivalent high school grade
- High school or College/University applicants shall be between the ages of 17 and 25
- Applicant shall be enrolled in an accredited two/four year College/University (Freshmen through Senior) or a senior in High School
- Applicant shall have proof of volunteer/community service
- Applicant shall undergo an interview with the Selection Committee

MANDATORY GUIDELINES

A **completed** application package must include:

- A completed & signed Application Form
- Applicant shall submit a Bio
- Applicant shall submit required Essay
- Applicant shall submit all Official Academic Transcripts
- Transfer students shall submit all transcripts
- Applicant shall submit Head Shot Photo

Applicant shall submit two Letters of Recommendation. Letters of recommendation can come from teachers, professors, counselors, mentors, clergy, community leaders or other significant people in your life, except family members. The letter should describe the experience with candidate and length of the relationship.

EVALUATION GUIDELINES

The following factors are considered when evaluating scholarship applicants. **No one factor is dispositive.** The factors provide guidelines for the Selection Committee to consider the totality of applicant's candidacy:

- Grade Point Average (G.P.A.) of 3.0 or the equivalent high school grade
- Applicant's educational achievements
- Applicant's achievement in the community
- Applicant's volunteer/community service
- Applicant's understanding of the Puerto Rican culture
- Applicant's extracurricular activities
- Membership in organizations, clubs, societies etc.
- Applicant's understanding of society & his/her participation and ambitions

DEADLINE

All applications must be submitted electronically to NPRDP.Scholars@gmail.com by **Monday, February 20th, 2017**. Letters of recommendation and sealed transcripts should be mailed together to National Puerto Rican Day Parade Inc., P.O. Box 975, New York, NY 10272 by **Monday, February 27th, 2017**. Application, letter of recommendation and official transcripts received after this date will be disqualified should any of the following conditions occur: (1) recipient provides false information on application; (2) recipient is not enrolled in a full-time accredited 2 or 4 year college or university; (3) recipient is not of Puerto Rican descent; (4) applicant fails to provide high school/college transcripts, two letters of recommendation, essay, written bio, and head shot photo. (5) recipient living in the Tri-State area must attend three of the following events: Presentation of the Scholars, Empowerment/Enrichment Day, Macy's Rising Star Challenge, and the National Puerto Rican Day Parade. Exception made on individual basis. If recipient is a family member or is affiliated with a NPRDP board member, full disclosure of said relationship must be made, and your application will go through an additional review process for consideration.

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CANDIDATE INFORMATION

Full Legal Name:

Full Mailing Address: City: State: Zip:

Home Phone:

Mobile:

Email:

Mother's Name: Occupation:

Father's Name: Occupation:

High School/College/University:

Address: City: State: Zip:

Telephone Number: Fax Number:

Advisor/Guidance Counselor:

G.P.A: Major: Anticipated Date of Graduation

Residence: On-Campus ___ Off-Campus ___

List any awards or scholarships received:

List of community service performed:

High School Applicants: Colleges/Universities you have applied and the status of application

High School Applicants: College/University you will attend, address and start date, (if known)
Name:
Address:
Start Date:
Phone #: Fax#: Email:

For Information Only

How will you use the scholarship if awarded? Tuition ___ Room & Board ___ Computer/Tablet ___ Books ___
Other, please specify.

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ESSAY

Please respond in 500 words to the topic below:

Describe how the Puerto Rican culture has influenced you and how you apply the lessons you've learned from that experience in your life and your interactions with people and the community.

WRITTEN BIO

In 250 words tell us about yourself. Please include any extracurricular, volunteer or community work, club memberships, sports as well as your interests, goals, dreams, career objectives, etc.

LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION

Attach two letters of recommendation, one of which must come from your community service site.

AGREEMENT

I the undersigned do fully agree and comply with the requirements and rules as stated herein by the National Puerto Rican Day Parade Scholarship Award Program. I attest that the information provided herein by me, the undersigned, is true and accurate and further understand that if the information proves to be inaccurate or false, it will serve as grounds for immediate disqualification. If selected as a 2017 NPRDP Scholar, and I am living in the Tri-State area, I agree to participate in three of the following: the Presentation of the Scholars, Empowerment/Enrichment Day, Macy's Rising Star Challenge and The National Puerto Rican Day Parade.

Signature:

Date:
